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BANKURA-DAMODAR RIVER RAIL PROJECT
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of Bankura−Damodar river project from Bankura to Somamukhi 1st phase;

(b) whether a survey from Beliatore to Durgapur which connect B.D.R. to Eastern Railway, the gateway to South Corridor to East Corridor have been conducted;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which the project is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a): The work of gauge conversion between Bankura and Sonamukhi is in full swing and the section is targeted for completion by March 2005.

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c) & (d): A preliminary engineering-cum-traffic survey was conducted in July 1998 for construction of a new line from Beliatore to Durgapur. As per the survey report, the cost of construction of this 28-kms-long line was assessed as Rs. 90.64 crore at the then price level with a negative rate of return. The proposal could not be considered due to acute constraint of resources and heavy throw-forward of ongoing projects.